Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-58.　(Cancelled)

59.　　(Currently Amended) A system for providing a distributed voice ~~user~~ interface with a local device, comprising:

a communication module operable to receive input from the local device and to transmit data to the local device to enable the local device to provide the data in an output response ~~to a user of the local device~~, wherein the communication module is further operable to detect an additional ~~user~~ input from the local device and in response, to cause the local device to cease providing the output response ~~to the user~~, and wherein the communication module is further operable to transmit a control signal to the local device for directing an action in a primary functionality component of the local device; ~~and~~

a processing module coupled to the communication module and operable to perform speech recognition on the received input[[.]] ; and

an upload module for uploading, to the local device, an additional control signal set for application to a device control signal set at the local device.

60.　　(Cancelled)

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61.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the data includes video data.

62.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the data includes audio data.

63.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the data include a text message.

64.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the input received from the local device is not capable of being processed by the local device.

65.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the processing module is further operable to retrieve remote data in response to the input received from the local device.

66.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing a distributed voice interface comprising:

receiving an audio input from a local device, the audio input based on speech input issued by a user;

performing speech recognition on the received audio input;

transmitting data to the local device to enable the local device to provide the data in an output response to the user;

detecting an additional audio ~~user~~ input from the local device;

transmitting a signal to the local device to cause the local device to cease providing the output response ~~to the user, and~~ ;

transmitting a control signal to the local device for directing an action in a primary functionality component of the local device[[.]] ; and

uploading, to the local device, an additional control signal set for application to a device control signal set at the local device.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the data includes video data.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the data includes audio data.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the data include a text message.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the input received from the local device is not capable of being processed by the local device.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, further comprising:

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retrieving remote data in response to the input received from the local device.

73.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for enabling a processor to provide a voice interface by a method comprising:

receiving an audio input from a local device, the audio input based on speech input ~~issued by a user~~;

performing speech recognition on the received audio input;

transmitting data to the local device to enable the local device to provide the data in an output response ~~to the user~~;

detecting additional audio ~~user~~ input from the local device;

transmitting a signal to the local device to cause the local device to cease providing the output response ~~to the user~~; ~~and~~

transmitting a control signal to the local device for directing an action in a primary functionality component of the local device[[.]] ; and

uploading, to the local device, an additional control signal set for application to a device control signal set at the local device.

74.   (Cancelled)

75.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the data includes video data.

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76.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the data includes audio data.

77.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the data include a text message.

78.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the input received from the local device is not capable of being processed by the local device.

79.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising:

retrieving remote data in response to the input received from the local device.

80.   (New) The system of claim 59, where application to a device control signal set comprises replacing, supplementing, or updating the device control signal set.

81.   (New) A system for providing a distributed voice interface with a local device, comprising:

communication means to receive input from the local device and to transmit data to the local device to enable the local device to provide the data in an output response, to detect an additional input from the local device and in response, to cause the local device to cease providing the output response, and further to transmit a control signal to the

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local device for directing an action in a primary functionality component of the local device;

processing means to perform speech recognition on the received input; and

upload means to upload, to the local device, an additional control signal set for application to a device control signal set at the local device.

82.   (New) A local device for a distributed voice interface, comprising:

a primary functionality component;

a communication module operable to receive data from a remote system and to provide the data in an output response, wherein the communication module is operable to transmit an output to the remote system for performing speech recognition at the remote system, wherein the communication module is further operable to detect an additional input and in response, to cease providing the output response, and wherein the communication module is further operable to receive a control signal from the remote system for directing an action in the primary functionality component; and

a download module for downloading an additional control signal set for application to a device control signal set.